



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SB 1198

public library operation; third-party contracts

Prime Sponsor: Senator Griffin, LD 14

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**DP** Committee on County and Municipal Affairs

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## **OVERVIEW**

SB 1198 allows for a county board of supervisors to enter into a contract for a public library with a governing board of a school district, a governing board of a community college district, or a nonprofit corporation.

## **PROVISIONS**

1. Permits a county board of supervisors to enter into a contract for a public library with a governing board of a school district, a governing board of a community college district or a nonprofit corporation.
2. Requires that the school district, community college district or nonprofit corporation assume the functions of a county free library within the county, city or town it is located.
3. Allows a county board of supervisors to pay the amount agreed upon in the contract to the city or town, school district, community college district or nonprofit corporation.
4. States that either party may terminate the contract if the party provides six months' notice of the intention to do so.
5. Makes technical and conforming changes.

## **CURRENT LAW**

In [A.R.S. § 11-904](#) a county board of supervisors may enter into a contract with a board of library trustees or another authority that is in charge of the free public library of a city or town.

[A.R.S. § 15-362](#) states that a governing board of a school district may establish and maintain libraries and these libraries will be under the control of the board. The board may also appoint a district librarian, a teacher or another qualified person to care for a library. Subsection D specifies a school district governing board may enter into intergovernmental agreements with county free library districts and municipal libraries in the county where the school district is located.